TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 2595

January 22, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires blasting firms to provide the owners of any dwelling, public building, school, church, commercial, or institutional building a pre-blast survey at no charge within 72 hours prior to the beginning of a blasting operation. Requires blasting firms to deliver all documentation to the affected property owners and requires a person over 18 years of age to sign for all documentation and surveys. Establishes a rebuttable inference that any cracks, fissures, separations that occur within six months of the blasting operation and do not appear in the pre-blast survey documentation are a result of the blasting operation. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance to develop rules. Violations are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any cost associated with an increase in complaints to the state fire marshal's office can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jam W. White

/sdl